

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to the substantive examination of this application is respectfully requested. By the foregoing preliminary amendment the Cross-reference to Related Application section of the specification has been amended to reflect the divisional status of the present application, and an error has been corrected in the listing of the drawing figures. Additionally, claims 1-186 have been canceled and claims 187-221 have been added. Claims 187-221 are the same as the claims 222-256 previously added in the parent of the present application. The amendment clearly does not add any new matter to the application, and is not being submitted in response to any Office Action.

The examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

KONNEKER & SMITH, P.C.



Marlin R. Smith
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 38,310

Dated: Jan. 19, 2004

660 North Central Expressway
Suite 230
Plano, Texas 75074
(972) 516-0030

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450,

Mailing Label No. EV 341131851 US

on JANUARY 22, 2004
Sherna Sufka